

# Tidewater Region

Virginia Archaeology Month 2002



## Daily Events

**Saturday, October 5** *Virginia Beach*

Site Tour: **ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION DAY AT THE FRANCIS LAND HOUSE**—Archeological Society of Virginia members, Ed Bottoms, Historian, George Ramsey, Canal Specialist, and Russell E. Darden, Avocational Archaeologist will identify fossils and artifacts brought in by the public.

Sponsor: Francis Land House/City of Virginia Beach

Location: 3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard

Time: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Contact: (757) 431–4000

**October 11–20, Daily** *Stratford*

Open House: **ARCHAEOLOGY SITE TOUR AT STRATFORD**—on-going excavations at a mid-to-late 18th-century house on the Stratford Plantation. Staff from the Center for Historic Preservation at Mary Washington College will lead discussions of representative artifacts.

Sponsor: Robert E. Lee Memorial Association and The Center for Historic Preservation

Location: Stratford Hall Plantation, Route 214 at Lerty, off Route 3

Time: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Contact: (804) 493–8572

**Saturday, October 12** *Jamestown*

Kid's Program: **DISCOVERING THE PAST TODAY AT HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE**—indoor and outdoor activities including walking tours with park rangers and a costumed interpreter, meeting with archaeologists digging at the 1607 fort site, and receiving a Junior Archaeologist Certificate award.

Sponsor: Historic Jamestowne

Location: West end of the Colonial Parkway, the National Park Service site

Time: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Fee: Admission fee to the park is \$6 per adult and children 16 and under are free.

Contact: (757) 229–1733

**Thursday, October 24**

*Jamestown*

Lecture: **A LITTLE PARLIAMENT: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY**—Dr. Warren M. Billings previews his upcoming book examining the workings of the General Assembly from its origin in 1619 through the end of the century.

Sponsor: Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities

Location: National Park Service Visitor Center Historic Jamestowne

Time: 7 p.m.

Fee: \$7 per lecture or \$19 for the 3–lecture series

Contact: Contact Ann Berry  
(757) 229–4997 ext. 101

**Sunday, October 27**

*Gloucester*

Site Tour: **ANNUAL BARBECUE AT THE ROSEWELL RUINS**—tour the site plus food and entertainment—full menu barbecue, live music, and a silent auction.

Sponsor: Rosewell Foundation

Location: Rosewell Ruins  
5113 Old Rosewell Lane

Time: 1–4 p.m.

Contact: Call for directions (804) 693–2585

**Saturday, November 2**

*Suffolk*

Workshop: **ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION DAY AT THE NANSEMOND INDIAN MUSEUM**—Ed Bottom, Russell Darden, and George Ramsey from the Archeological Society of Virginia will be identifying artifacts for the public. Flintknapping demonstration by Bill Gillenwater.

Sponsor: Nansemond Indian Museum

Location: 6068 Godwin Boulevard

Time: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Contact: (757) 255–7001

## COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG FOUNDATION

Department of Archaeological Research

### James City County Library—Community Room 7770 Croaker Road

**Kid's Program -Saturday, October 5, *Dirt Detectives: What Do Archaeologists Really Do?*** We all know that archaeologists dig, but why? Hands-on program unfolds basic archaeological concepts for the youngest explorers. Ages 5–8.

*Session I: 10:30–11:15 a.m.*

*Session II: 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.*

### Williamsburg Regional Library—Schell Room 515 Scotland Street

**Kid's Program - *Deciphering The Past.* Saturday, October 12, 10:30 a.m.–12 noon .** A hands-on archaeological program that encourages participants to consider how we learn about the past. Ages 9–14. Registration required through the Youth Services Department.

### Bruton Heights School—Lane Auditorium The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

**Lecture - Monday, October 28, 3:30–5 p.m. *What's New On (and off) Duke of Gloucester Street?: Updates on the Coffeehouse, the Hallam Theater, and the Wray Sites.***

Astound friends and guests with your in-depth knowledge of discoveries at a number of prominent 18th-century Historic Area sites!

For further information contact  
Meredith Poole (757) 220-7334

## Month-Long Events

### October & November Gloucester

**Exhibit: GLOUCESTER ARCHAEOLOGY—  
displays of artifacts from several  
Gloucester sites with explanations of  
archaeological procedures in the field  
and in the laboratory.**

**Sponsor:** Gloucester Museum of History  
**Location:** Main Street  
**Time:** Monday–Friday, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Saturday, noon–4 p.m.  
**Contact:** (804) 693-1234

### October 1–31

**Exhibit: Jamestown  
HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE—exhibits of  
prehistoric and historic artifacts  
discovered by archaeologists digging at  
Jamestown. The artifacts tell of the  
struggle of three cultures, American  
Indian, European, and African, to  
create a new country.**

**Sponsor:** Colonial National Historical Park  
The Association for the Preservation of  
Virginia Antiquities  
**Location:** Historic Jamestowne, west end of the  
Colonial Parkway, the National Park  
Service site  
**Time:** Daily, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
**Fee:** Admission fee to the park is \$6 per adult  
and children 16 and younger are free.  
**Contact:** (757) 229-1733

### October 2–31

**Exhibit: Warsaw  
THE STORY OF RICHMOND COUNTY  
AS SEEN THROUGH ITS  
ARTIFACTS—four centuries and  
beyond—featuring prehistoric, 17th,  
18th, and 19th-century artifacts from  
county excavations.  
MUSEUM ON THE MOVE—  
TRAVELING ARTIFACTS—traveling  
exhibits to visit county schools, followed  
by school trips to the museum to see  
SOL-friendly, hands-on exhibits.  
Excellent for senior citizens' facilities  
and adult residences as well.**

**Sponsor:** Richmond County Museum  
**Location:** Richmond County Museum  
5874 Richmond Road  
**Time:** Wednesday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Traveling exhibits available upon request.  
**Contact:** (804) 333-3607